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SUBJ: DETENTION OF KIDNAPPERS OF CONSUL GENERAL

TERRANCE G. LEONHARDY

REF: GUADALAJARA A-25

1. I WAS ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR, LIC. LUIS MOYA PALENCIA EVENING OF AUGUST 20 THAT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES HAD APPREHENDED IN THE STATE OF SINALOA TWO MEN, FRANCISCO JUVENTINO CAMPANA LOPEZ AND RUBEN RAMIREZ GONZALEZ, WHO WERE INVOLVED IN MY KIDNAPPING MAY 4. I THANKED THE MINISTER FOR THE INFORMATION AND OFFERED MY COOPERATION IN THE ENSUING INVESTIGATION.

2. I WAS ASKED BY LIC. SAMUEL ALBA LEYVA, CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND OTHER FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO COME TO THE LOCAL FEDERAL COURTHOUSE ON AUGUST 21 AND ON ARRIVAL DISCOVERED THAT THE TWO SUSPECTS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO GUADALAJARA FOR JUDICIAL PROCESSING. I WAS ASKED TO READ CONFESSIONS TAKEN FROM SUSPECTS AND I THEN ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS WHICH WERE PUT TO THE SUSPECTS ABOUT THE ROLE EACH PLAYED IN MY KIDNAPPING. I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT IT

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WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IDENTIFY THOSE ENGAGED

IN MY CAPTURE EXCEPT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS IN THE CAR
THAT BLOCKED MY WAY.

3. THE FACTS DEVELOPED IN THE CONFESSIONS AND
SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION SQUARED WITH THOSE I RECALLED.
CAMPANA LOPEZ STATED HE WAS DRIVER OF THE CAR WHICH BLOCKED
MY WAY AND RAMIREZ GONZALES SAID HE ENTERED CONSULATE
GENERAL'S CAR FROM THE LEFT AND TRIED TO START IT.

4. PRELIMINARY TO THE LINEUP I WAS ASKED TO VIEW FROM A DOORWAY
THE TWO SUSPECTS FROM THE SIDE AS THEY WALKED DOWN A
CORRIDOR FACING FORWARD. BOTH HAD LONG HAIR AND I
COULD NOT IDENTIFY THEM. SUBSEQUENTLY, CAMPANA LOPEZ
WAS GIVEN A HAIRCUT AND HIS FACE SHAVED SO THAT HE WOULD
COINCIDE WITH HIS APPEARANCE THE DAY OF MY CAPTURE. I
WAS THEN ASKED TO VIEW HIM FRONTALLY AND FROM THE LEFT
SIDE THROUGH A CRACK IN THE DOOR. WHILE NOT 100 PER
CENT CERTAIN, I BELIEVED HIM TO BE THE PERSON WHO BLOCKED
MY WAY. THIS SAME PROCEDURE WAS USED IN AN EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY RAMIREZ GONZALES AS ONE OF MY CAPTORS. AS I ONLY
HAD A GLIMPSE OF HIM AT THE TIME, I COULD NOT MAKE A
POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, BOTH SUSPECTS
WERE PRESENTED TO ME IN SEPARATE LINEUPS OF FIVE PERSONS.
I STATED THAT I BELIEVED CAMPANA LOPEZ WAS INVOLVED.
IN THE OTHER CASE I STATED THAT RAMIREZ GONZALES APPEARED
TO ME AS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED. DECLARATIONS WERE
PREPARED TO THIS EFFECT WHICH I SIGNED.

5. ON AUGUST 22 I WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOUSE (220 CALLE
SAN JUAN DE LOS LAGOS, GUADALAJARA) WHERE THE SUSPECTS
SAID I WAS HELD CAPTIVE. THE HOUSE, WHICH IS NOW OCCUPIED
BY A FAMILY, I AM TOLD WAS VACATED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER
MY KIDNAPPING. EXCEPT FOR SOME CHANGES WHICH HAVE BEEN
MADE (PAINTING, A NEW WATER PUMP, ETC.) IT FITS ALL
ASPECTS OF THE DESCRIPTION I PRESENTED IN MY AIRGRAM
A-25 INCLUDING LOCATION AND I HAVE SIGNED A DECLARATION
TO THIS EFFECT.

6. COMMENT: THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES WITH WHOM I SPOKE
APPEAR CONFIDENT THAT THE OTHERS INVOLVED, WHO ALLEGEDLY
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WERE THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP, WILL SOON BE APPREHENDED.
I WISH I COULD SHARE THIS OPTIMISM. ALSO, I DO NOT AGREE
WITH PUBLISHED OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT THE GROUP WAS
LOCAL IN SCOPE.
LEONHARDY

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